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To complete the record, Applicants submit herewith a copy of (1) Kim et al., *Biotechnology Letters* 26:623-627 (2004), (2) JP12-093188, (3) KR2000-76625, (4) KR1999-86862, and (5) KR1999-65347. The English translations of the abstracts in the last four references are also enclosed herewith.

Among the five references listed above, Kim et al. is not citable against the present application as it was published in 2004, later than the priority date of the present application, i.e., December 8, 2003. The other four references, relating to culture media, do not disclose a medium containing the ingredients recited in the allowed claim, which covers a *Candida* fermentation medium with defined ingredients. Thus, Applicants would like to point out that none of the five references is material to the patentability of the claim allowed in this application.

Applicants would like to further point out that the present application is the US national stage application of PCT/KR2004/003024 and the above-listed five references were cited in the International Search Report issued in this PCT application. In accordance with MPEP 1893.03(g), copies of the documents cited in the international search report should have been made available to the examiner in the national stage application. Nonetheless, Applicants have enclosed herewith copies of the five references and request that, if necessary, they be kept in file for a complete record.

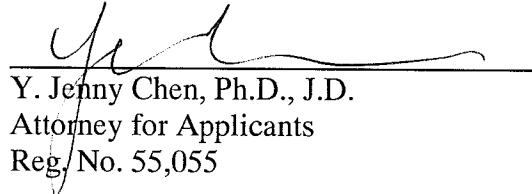
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